

SENATE NO. 27

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE ACTION

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article XLVIII of the amendments to the Constitution is hereby amended in that part of
2 said article XLVIII under the heading “The Initiative. IV. Legislative Action on Proposed
3 Constitutional Amendments” in Section 4 by striking the words: “At such joint session a legislative
4 amendment receiving the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members elected, or an initiative
5 amendment receiving the affirmative votes of not less than one-fourth of all the members elected, shall
6 be referred to the next general court.” and replacing them with the following:-

7 “At such joint session a legislative or an initiative amendment receiving the affirmative
8 votes of a majority of all the members elected shall be referred to the next general
9 court.”

10 SECTION 2 Article XLVIII of the amendments to the Constitution is hereby amended in that part of
11 said article XLVIII under the heading “The Initiative. IV. Legislative Action on Proposed
12 Constitutional Amendments” in Section 5 by striking the words: “If in the next general court a
13 legislative amendment shall again be agreed to in joint session by a majority of all the members

14 elected, or if an initiative amendment or a legislative substitute shall again receive the affirmative
15 votes of a least one-fourth of all the members elected, such fact shall be certified by the clerk of such
16 joint session to the secretary of the commonwealth, who shall submit the amendment to the people at
17 the next state election.” and replacing them with the following:-

18 “If in the next general court a legislative amendment, an initiative amendment, or a
19 legislative substitute shall again be agreed to in joint session by a majority of all the
20 members elected such fact shall be certified by the clerk of such joint session to the
21 secretary of the commonwealth, who shall submit the amendment to the people at the
22 next state election.”